

Rainier Beach Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC)

MEETING SUMMARY

February 1, 2012 6:30pm-8:30pm

Southeast Seattle Senior Center

4655 South Holly Street, 98118 (Phone: 206-722-0317)

Attendees

NAC Members:

Cheryl dos Remedios, David Sauvion, Gregory Davis, Harry Hoffman, Margaret Yellowwolf, Peter Masundire, Rodolfo Castillo, Vallerie Fisher

Public Members:

Imani Wright, Yerenia Urbina, Elana Willett, Cielle Carlton, Tyler Cot, Jacquiel Redmond, Trevon Gilliam, Lizeth Roman, Shanquelle Fisher, Elana Dix, Angelina dos Remedios.

City Staff:

Nora Liu (DPD), Sebhat Tenna (DON), David Goldberg (DPD)

Draft Neighborhood Plan Organization & Content

- David congratulated the NAC on its work. He went through the document and asked for comments from the group related to organization of information via e-mail as he will begin making revision to the final document starting Monday, February 13th, 2012.
- NAC member did not feel the organization of the document made it specific enough to Rainier Beach or was adequate in addressing the group's comments.

Transit Justice Group

- A group of young people is doing surveys/interviews on transit issues. Goal is to make transit system better for youth and community in general. Students are docked for being late to school due to buses running late.
- NAC members living or working in the survey area were asked to take the survey.

Goals and Policies

- Goals are broad directions and policies are how to move in that direction. . Goals and policies, currently organized using the comprehensive plan format, are more specific than the rest of the plan. Numbering relates to goals and policies adopted in the original plan and added to the comp plan.
- Not all goals and policies relate directly on a one to one basis to topics in the plan. Strategies break goals and policies down even further.

- NAC member stated he felt they had not gotten a chance to give feedback on all options presented to them in the past.

Nora stated to read through the columns and make sure they all make sense, flag anything they had questions on, or that they felt needed further conversation and it would be discussed at the next meeting.

David also asked NAC members to get in touch with him on issues before next meeting if possible.

NAC Initiatives

- NAC member listed the initiatives: Life-long education, a place for everyone, growing food, and public space and public safety.
- NAC member stated education is more than youth getting jobs. Should focus on education as enabling each to reach his/her own potential in many ways. Would also like the school/community connections emphasized more.
- Also need to add an acronym glossary. Would like to use this piece as an information/fund raising piece.
- David illustrated a variety of examples of how the initiatives could tie into specific items in the plan.
- NAC member stated the initiative piece was an easier document for people to understand than the entire plan update.

Nora stated it would be ok to have two documents, but they would have to be clearly labeled as to what they were.

- Comments should be sent to Cheryl by February 8th and group will hope to have a final document ready by the 15th as Sebhat would need the material to train the POLs.

Phase 4 Meeting

- Sebhat stated that the Phase 4 community meeting is postponed to Wednesday, March 14th.
- Goal of meeting will be to get people excited about doing the work of implementation. Will have four tables focusing on the four main initiative areas. Will utilize sign-up sheets to get people working on various issues. Need to list specific projects under each category.
- Relevant City departments will be there to add how they can assist groups in the work.
- Should begin connecting with groups to encourage them to attend.

Wrap-up: Questions, Announcements & Next Steps

- In response to request from NAC member who was not able to attend Jan. 23rd meeting with Tu Consulting, Nora provided a briefing on the presentation.
- Sebhat stated the information, update to include NAC comments provided at the meeting, are available online:
<http://www.seattle.gov/neighborhoods/npa/documents/Jan23PresentationwNACcomments.pdf>